GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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CASES OF MENINGITIS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the number of meningitis patients are on the rise in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons and the details thereof, State-wise ; and

(c) the steps taken/ being taken by the Government to check it

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): The cases of meningitis is generally seen through out the year in the country. However, during the current year since last week of April 2005, there was an increase in the number of cases of meningococcal disease and this trend continued till the end of June 2005.

Meningococcal disease is an epidemic prone communicable disease and it shows cyclic spurt / rise of cases every 15-20 years. State-wise cases & deaths due to Meningococcal Meningitis during the period from 2000 to 2004 is at Annexure.

It was made mandatory to notify the disease. Efforts were made for early diagnosis and prompt treatment; Contact tracking of the patients and providing chemoprophylaxis. IEC activities were carried out with the participation of the communities. To strengthen surveillance activities, to promote early detection of outbreak and institute appropriate action for prevention and control of epidemic prone communicable diseases including Meningococcemia, `National Surveillance Programme for Communicable Diseases (NSPCD)` was in implementation since 1997- 98. An Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme has been launched to strengthen the mechanism of surveillance of various diseases in the country.

Annexure

State wise cases and deaths due to Meningococcal Meningitis reported during 2000-2004

Sl. No.	State/UT	2000		2001		2002	
		Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1392	69	1585	36	2771	49
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-	-	-
3.	Assam	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.	Bihar	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.	Chhatisgarh	-	-	-	-	-	-
6.	Goa	0	0	0	0	0	0
7.	Gujarat	16	0	0	0	0	0
8.	Haryana	69	3	109	2	36	1
9.	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	83	0	9	0	33	0
11.	Jharkahand	-	-	-	-	0	0
12.	Karnataka	896	8	2077	21	805	3
13.	Kerala	111	6	22	3	147	4
14.	Madhya Pradesh	189	2	352	4	333	11
15.	Maharashtra	337	103	393	137	307	96
16.	Manipur	70	19	19	4	109	13
17.	Meghalaya	83	4	100	14	88	18
18.	Mizoram	0	0	7	0	5	1
19.	Nagaland	14	1	0	0	0	0
20.	Orissa	74	2	182	15	20	2
21.	Punjab	42	0	32	1	43	5
22.	Rajasthan	244	24	442	37	280	39

23.	Sikkim	0	0	0	0	2	0
24.	Tamil Nadu	418	0	95	0	218	0
25.	Tripura	79	1	12	4	3	1
26.	Uttar Pradesh	251	32	212	5	22	0
27.	Uttaranchal	-	-	-	-	-	-
28.	West Bengal	2948	643	3360	620	2638	500
29.	A& N Islands	7	4	3	0	11	3
30.	Chandigarh	25	14	28	14	53	9
31.	D&N Haveli	-	-	-	-	0	0
32.	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0
33.	Delhi	415	38	404	32	397	50
34.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0
35.	Pondicherry	84	18	97	20	96	12
	Total	7857	991	9555	969	8387	817

Sl. No.	State/UT	2003		2004	
		Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2201	86	9996	54
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	7	3	NR	NR
3.	Assam	-	-	NR	NR
4.	Bihar	-	-	NR	NR
5.	Chhatisgarh	-	-	NR	NR
6.	Goa	2	0	3	0
7.	Gujarat	6	0	18	4
8.	Haryana	40	2	57	2
9.	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	208	4	26	1
11.	Jharkahand	-	-	NR	NR
12.	Karnataka	1873	8	2731	33
13.	Kerala	203	1	73	5
14.	Madhya Pradesh	317	8	317	18
15.	Maharashtra	218	70	218	50
16.	Manipur	68	8	55	7
17.	Meghalaya	191	70	90	13
18.	Mizoram	0	17	1	0
19.	Nagaland	0	0	0	0
20.	Orissa	82	0	18	3
21.	Punjab	10	13	8	0
22.	Rajasthan	273	1	156	30
23.	Sikkim	1	35	1	0
24.	Tamil Nadu	-	0	3504	0
25.	Tripura	2	-	5	0
26.	Uttar Pradesh	285	0	12	1
27.	Uttaranchal	-	4	NR	NR
28.	West Bengal	1408	-	1265	217
29.	A& N Islands	0	292	0	0
30.	Chandigarh	26	0	10	6
31.	D&N Haveli	0	6	0	0
32.	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0
33.	Delhi	325	48	249	20
34.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0
35.	Pondicherry	83	16	62	3
	Total	7829	622	18875	467

Source: CBHI Ministry of Health Family Welfare

Notes: 1. # For the year 2000 separate figures are not available for the newly formed three states. Hence cases and deaths if any in Chattisgarh, Jharkahand and Uttaranchal are included in Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh respectively.

2. N.R. implies not received.